

REMARKS

The Office Action dated September 9, 2004 has been received and reviewed by the applicant. Claims 1-12 are in the application. Claims 1-12 stand rejected. Reconsideration is respectfully requested. Claims 1, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12 are amended, and claims 13 - 31 are added.

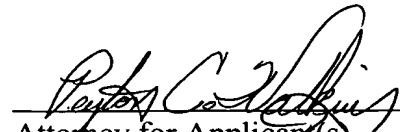
Claims 1-12 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Morikawa et al. (U.S. 5,528,285). The entirety of the rejection is not repeated herein for brevity; however, it is noted that the "camera 100 mounted on the station 150 as shown in Fig. 2" is equated to the removable and replaceable insert of claim 1 and 11. In response, claim 1 is amended to include "a removable and replaceable insert having ... a camera mating portion on a second side having a shape substantially of a portion of the digital camera and which camera mating portion can receive the digital camera." The amendment now clearly distinguishes that the removable insert can receive a digital camera; therefore, as now amended, the removable and replaceable insert and the digital camera are clearly not one in the same as the rejection states. More specifically, since it is respectfully submitted that the camera is not the removable insert, Morikawa does not teach a removable and then replaceable insert that receives the digital camera. Morikawa clearly teaches a one-piece unit 151 that directly receives the digital camera, and does not teach or suggest any removable insert for the one-piece unit 151. The claimed invention includes the advantage of permitting "a plurality of digital cameras to use a single docking station." (page 2 lines 10-12 of the present invention) This obviously provides a huge advantage to consumers and manufacturers of which the prior art is devoid.

It is noted that several minor clarity amendments have been made to more clearly articulate the claimed invention.

Should the Examiner consider that additional amendments are necessary to place the application in condition for allowance, the favor is requested of a telephone call to the undersigned counsel for the purpose of discussing such amendments.

For the reasons set forth above, it is believed that the application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration and favorable action are respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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